



Grade One Newsletter November 2011



First Grade Friends

Our new unit of learning about what makes a good friend is well underway in First Grade. We will be interviewing a friend from another Grade One class and asking them lots of interesting questions about themselves. Then we will present the information we found out. We are also working with our Fourth Grade Friends, doing lots of activities together.

We would like to thank all of our friends who have helped make this such an enjoyable unit of learning already. It started so well with the **United Nations Lunch** and we are thankful to all of the people who contributed to this great day and the **Room Mothers** who coordinated this wonderful event. First Grade has also been very lucky in having a lot of parent visitors who have come in to share their cultures with us. This has really brought the world into our classrooms. **You are all very cool bananas!**



Our phonic programme is concentrating on beginning blends (fl, tr etc.), long vowel sounds (magic e) and th, sh, ch, wh digraphs. In Maths we are working on understanding place value and identifying the place value of numbers up to 100. It is a busy time and this will only get even more hectic over the next few weeks so here are some dates for your calendars.



Nov 22nd	Faculty Charity concert 7.00p.m. auditorium (Come and see the teachers dance and sing!)
December	Event
6th	St. Nicholas celebrated in classroom
9th	Gingerbread Man, note to follow.
15th	Winter performance 11.00.a.m. auditorium.
15 th /16 th .	Christmas party (after lunch).

We have also, every year, taken up a collection of toys for an orphanage in Burundi. This is part of our friendship unit and we ask the children to bring in a gift (no more than 15 euros) and this year we are asking for stationery or games. We are happy to send secondhand games if they are in excellent condition. The most important part of this is that the children choose this gift themselves. **Please could you start sending them in from the week commencing the 5th and no later than the 15th December?**

Keep well and warm dear friends.
The Grade One Team.



